



Whippet Tales

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2008 Meeting Schedule:

WWWA is YOUR club!
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

- ⇒ March 29th (Awards)
- ⇒ May 28th
- ⇒ July 12th (Picnic)
- ⇒ October 29th
- ⇒ December 13th (Christmas party)



ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
Western Washington Whippet Association
Saturday, March 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Grazies Ristorante, Factoria

-MENU-

Dinner menu - \$22.95

GRILLED SIRLOIN STEAK W/CHIANTI SAUCE, SAUTEED MUSHROOMS AND ROASTED POTATOES

OR

GRILLED CHICKEN, W/PORTOBELLO RAGU & SMOKED MOZZARELLA CREAM, ROASTED POTATOES

Dinner menu - \$19.95

LASAGNE - SAUSAGE, RICOTTA, ROMANO, MOZZARELLO W/TOMATO & BECHAMEL SAUCES

OR

PENNE AL POLLO - CHICKEN, MUSHROOMS, GREEN ONIONS, TOMATOES, & MARSALA WINE

All Entrees include either the house salad or minestrone soup and Tuscan style peasant bread w/garlic and rosemary infused olive oil.

All non-pasta entrees will be accompanied by the chef's daily specialty – potato, risotto, or polenta

Salads may be upgraded for an additional charge.

All appetizers, drinks, and desserts are the responsibility of the individual guests. Entrée prices do not include the 9.3% tax or the 17% gratuity

Please RSVP to Mary Downing, whimsy@gte.net
or mail to 22620 – 165th Ave. SE, Monroe, WA 98272

Mary's Mumbblings

Where is Spring? Still see frost in the morning and the ground is soggy. Hopefully by the time we meet to applaud our members and their dogs that have accomplished so much this past year, the air will be warmer and the hillsides will be turning green.

Our Annual Awards dinner is set for March 29th and you will find the particulars elsewhere in this Newsletter. We have planned a board meeting to precede the dinner, so if the board could arrive by 5:00, we'll meet to discuss a couple of pertinent issues.

As usual everyone procrastinated and the applications for awards came in at the 11th hour. There is at least one major award that will not be offered after these 2007 Awards. Again I would like to urge the membership to look at the Member sponsored awards and decide on one you would like to offer.

Hope you have all made your plans for the National in Eugene, OR the end of April. We're in the final countdown, entries have closed and we're packing our bags...It is such a fun event, even if you don't take a dog, I urge everyone to try to attend at least part of the festivities.

There is only **ONE National!**

Mary Downing, whimsy@gte.net

From the Editor

After hibernating for the long winter, we've got lots of club activities coming up in the near future! In these pages you'll find information about WWWA's upcoming NAWRA/NOTRA racing and ASFA lure coursing events, as well as our annual awards dinner. Complete results for all these events will be posted in the next issue.

On a sad note, we bid farewell to WWWA member Frank Shiley, who passed away in January. Deepest sympathy to his wife Pat and his grieving family. Thank you Jo Sowards for providing photos and a touching memorial.

See you at the races!
Beth Levine, serendipitywhippets@comcast.net

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Don't hesitate to email or call if you have late info; it will be included, if possible.

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Membership: \$25/person or \$30/family at the same address. For membership information, contact Peggy Hewes, brynmor3@msn.com.

2008 WWWA Events

- ⇒ March 22/23 NAWRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ March 29 Awards Banquet, Grazie Ristorante
 - ⇒ April 12/13 ASFA trials, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ May 24/25/26 NW Versatility Weekend, TBD
 - ⇒ June 7 Sanction Match, TBD
 - ⇒ July 12 Picnic, TBD
 - ⇒ August 2/3/4 Specialties, Argus Ranch
 - ⇒ Aug 30/31 ASFA trials, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ Sep 27/28 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ Nov 8/9 NAWRA/LGRA/NOTRA, Roy Polo Field
 - ⇒ Dec 13 Christmas Party, Barnaby's
- Don't forget the comprehensive sighthound performance events calendar at <http://www.asfaregion1.com>.

April ASFA Trials

WWWA is hosting ASFA trials at the Roy Polo Field on April 12/13. The premium list has been approved and distributed, so does not appear in this issue, but is available online: <http://www.asfaregion1.com/2008/WWWA0408.pdf>

Judges will be Tom Robinson from BC and Todd Birchfield from GA. A big thank you to WWWA's good friend Phil Allen for donating frequent flier miles to bring Todd out to judge!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the field committee!!! Contact Aaron Swepston at tontar@comcast.net to volunteer.

New Members!

A hearty WWWA welcome to new members:
Kendra and Jurgen Brenkert
2033 153rd Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98007
425-653-0808
kmail@ironpixel.com



Western Washington Whippet Association presents
NAWRA/NOTRA race meets at Roy Polo Field, Roy, WA

Saturday, March 22, 2008 — NAWRA
(sorry, whippets only for this meet ONLY)

Adults: 150 yards, 4 programs, 6 dog races
Puppies: 150 yards, 3 programs, 4 dog races

Sunday, March 23, 2008 — ALL-BREED NOTRA

Whippets: 270 yards, 4 programs, 4 dog races

Inspection: 9:00 a.m. each day

Eligible entry

NAWRA: Whippets; puppies age 8-14 months may be entered in the puppy races.

NOTRA: Open to any Afghan Hound, Basenji, Borzoi, Greyhound, Ibizan Hound, Irish Wolfhound, Italian Greyhound, Pharaoh Hound, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Saluki, Scottish Deerhound, Sloughi, or Whippet one year or older on the day of the meet.

General Rules

All racers must wear muzzles. All racers will be boxed unless the race committee deems the boxes will not accommodate a breed in attendance. Entries will only be accepted from hounds qualified to race. Hounds must be registered with NAWRA and NOTRA to participate. To register in advance (recommended), see the appropriate website (NAWRA: <http://www.nawra.com>; NOTRA: <http://www.notra.org>) for more information. Registration will be offered the day of the meet; for **each organization**, please bring a copy of hound's registration and the \$2 registration fee. However, pre-registration is greatly appreciated by the race secretary – thank you for your cooperation! *Phone or email the race secretary (contact info below) with any questions about registration or eligibility.*

Pre-Entry Fees: \$12 first dog, \$11 second dog, \$10 third dog; \$35 kennel fee (four dogs or more). Puppy races: \$8.

Day-of-Meet Fees: \$15.00 per dog, no kennel discount. Checks payable to: WWWA.

Pre-entries close: Thursday, March 20, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Day-of-Meet entries close: 9:00 a.m. the day of the meet

Race Secretary: Kerie Swepston, kerie@swepston.us, 253-826-1112

Accommodations:

Camping is allowed on the field at no charge.

Motel 6, 253-473-7100, I-5 at Exit #129, 1811 S 76th Street, Tacoma, WA <http://www.motel6.com> (~17 miles from field)

Prairie Motel, 360-458-8300, 701 Prairie Park Lane, Yelm, WA <http://www.prairiehotel.com/> (~13 miles from field)

Food: There will be a **potluck lunch** each day. *If you wish to participate in the potluck, please bring a dish to share. If you do not contribute, you may not eat!* Unless time is an issue, we will be stopping for lunch so we can all rest and enjoy each other's company! Remember, there is electricity available at the field, so crock pots are more than welcome!

PRACTICE: We will offer practice runs between programs both days and after the meet on Saturday (sorry no practice after the meet on Sunday) – workers, time and equipment permitting. Club members and volunteer workers practice for free, otherwise practice is \$5/dog. See the race secretary for sign up the day of the meet. **You MUST sign a hold-harmless agreement to practice!!!**

Veterinarian:

Spanaway Veterinary Clinic. 253-537-4356. 16920 Pacific Ave S, Spanaway, WA (~8 miles from field).

Directions from the field: Turn right on 8th Ave. Go 5 miles and turn right on WA-507. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left on WA-7. Go 1.3 miles to clinic. *Hours:* Saturday 8-6, Sunday 10-6.

Animal Emergency Clinic. 253-474-0791. 5608 S Durango St, Tacoma, WA (~18 miles from the field).

Directions from the field: Turn right on 8th Ave. Go 5 miles and turn right on WA-507. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left on WA-7. Go 5.2 miles and take WA-512 onramp westbound towards Tacoma. Go 2.5 miles and turn right on S. Tacoma Way. Go 2.8 miles and turn left on S. 58th St. Go .1 miles and turn right on Durango. Go .1 miles and look for clinic. *Hours:* 24 hour emergency care.

Directions to the field:

From the North: From I-5 take exit #127 (Hwy 512 Puyallup exit) towards Puyallup. Take the Pacific Ave exit (Hwy 7) and turn right. Go south on Pacific Ave approx. 5 miles to the Roy "Y" and bear right on WA-507/Spanaway McKenna Hwy. Go 1.2 miles and turn slight left onto 8th Ave. Go 5.2 miles (just after crossing 288th St.) turn left into the entrance to the Polo Field on a dirt road marked signage. Follow dirt road to field.

From the South: Take I-5 exit 88A (Tenino exit) and follow to Yelm. Turn right at the stop light and follow to McKenna. Turn right at stop light in McKenna (Exxon station) on Hwy 702/352nd St. Go 5.3 miles to flashing yellow light and turn left on 8th Ave. Go approx. 3.5 miles. The Polo Field is down a dirt road in the trees on the right just before the 288th Street intersection, and will be marked with signage. Follow dirt road to field.

**Western Washington Whippet Association
General Membership Meeting – 1/30/08**

Meeting called to order at 8:40 pm at the Keg in Factoria

Attendance- Christine Hopperstad, Mary Downing, Peggy Hewes, Janis Castle, Jeanette Dorsey, Kerie Swepston, Chris Downing, Aaron Swepston (along with Jade and Jagur Swepston), Bill Davenport.
Guests- Kendra and Jurgen Brenkert, Jennifer Hughes

Minutes of the last Meeting accepted as published in the last newsletter, 2nd Janis, approved.

Treasurers Report- Went through reports for Jun/Jul, Aug, Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec, Year 2007, Specialty/Show, Lure Trial/Race. Check book \$5792 + Rescue \$811= \$6603

Show Committee- Specialty dates are August 1 and 2, Jan Leikem is working on paper work and other arrangements with the committee.

Race/Lure - February 2 Committee meeting at noon at the Swepstons' home. The date for the running events have been requested and they are looking for judges. Lure operator will be Phil from the NW Sporting Greyhound Club, All meets will be at Roy except for the Versatility Weekend. Still on the lookout for other field for future use.

Newsletter- no report

Ways and Means- Jeanette looking for donations for the Silent and Live Auctions at the Specialty. Also, wants to have a Match, Garage Sale and Shirts for the Specialty to raise money for the clubs many events.

Card Lady- Card to the Shiley Family about Frank

Education- Christine will help to put together the Meet the Breed activity at Seattle KC dog show.

Annual Awards- deadline 3/15/08, location info to follow.

Hospitality- No report except that Helen has agreed to chair.

Membership- 2nd reading for Kendra and Jurgen Brenkert, voted in as members. Gave copies of Constitution, Standing Rules and 2007 roster.

Old Business- status of payments made to Al for the ATV- discussion to ear mark fund from an event to pay off balance. Jeanette moved to pay \$1000 out of the current funds toward the bike, 2nd by Kerie, passed

New Business - none.

Budgets were read and approved for the following Committees in 2008: Race/ Lure Coursing, Show, Membership, Ways & Means, Annual Awards, Card Lady, Newsletter, Hospitality (Christmas Party and Picnic). Still need budgets for Historian, Property and Education/Program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm- Respectfully submitted- Peggy Hewes

In Memoriam



WWWA member Frank Shiley passed away January 23, 2008. Born August 27, 1942, in Seattle, married Pat Dill (Shiley) on February 17, 1967. Frank and his lovely wife Pat, resided in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle for 32 years before moving to Walla Walla several years ago.

Frank joined the WWWA in 1985. His first whippet was Mariah, from Mary Downing. He also adopted the rescue whippet Sabrina, and as the years passed the Shileys' whippet family grew. Whimsy's Chantilly Lace was a bench champion that Frank and Pat finished in the ring in 1993.

Frank and Pat were attracted to lure coursing and spent 20+ years involved in the sport. They finished ASFA titles on several of their whippets from the Blarneystone line.

The Shileys were also deeply involved in Whippet and Italian Greyhound rescue from 1983 to 2008.

When Glen and I got involved in whippets, Frank Shiley was President of WWWA when the club hosted the AWC National in the Northwest. He was also involved in organizing the race practices at Fort Dent Park, and along with his lovely wife Pat, and Doris Ringer, the matriarch of WWWA, Frank provided instruction and assistance in both training whippets to chase the lure and teaching their novice owners how to handle their dogs.



Frank officiated at lure coursing trials, race meets, and did a great job of lure operating for those 20+ years.

Everyone who came in contact with Frank never forgot him and enjoyed his humor. We all will surely miss Frank Shiley.

Submitted by Jo & Glen Sowards



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Reminder Notice:

Western Washington Whippet Association March General Membership Meeting

When: Saturday, March 29, 2008 — 6:00 p.m.

Where: Grazies Ristorante, Factoria — 3820 124th Ave SE, Bellevue

Directions: From I-405 northbound or southbound, take exit #10/Coal Creek Pkwy towards Factoria. Go east (left if coming from the north, right if coming from the south) on Coal Creek Pkwy. Turn left on 124th SE, go .7 miles and look for restaurant on the right side of the street.

Board Members: Don't forget there is a board meeting at 5:00, before the General Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet, so please come early!!